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JUDGE D. W. DYER
Three-Day Trial

Castro Foe Will Get Arms Back

A 12-member jury decided in Miami Federal Court today that a small band of anti-Castro Americans would regain possession of weapons and munitions seized by authorities in the Florida Keys.

Some \$3,000 of arms were confiscated Dec. 4, 1962 by customs agents at Sombrero Beach, Marathon, on grounds

they were being exported for use in Cuba.

However, Gerald P. Hemming, identified as senior instructor of the soldier-of-fortune group, claimed the weapons and diving gear were being transferred aboard the cabin cruiser Sally to an undisclosed key for training of anti-Castro Cubans.

In the three-day trial before Federal Judge David W. Dyer, attorney Richard Booth sought to establish that the CIA was sponsoring activities of the Americans who had previously trained exiles at No Name Key.

However, Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert Josefsberg successfully kept mention out of the record of CIA sponsorship, if any.

Hemming, of 2540 NW N. River Dr., claimed he had made reports to the government agency on conditions in Cuba during 1960-61 but said he did not work for it.

Another group member, Roy Hargraves, of 1847 SW 12th St., testified he had been told an Oct. 22, 1962 trip to the island was CIA-sponsored. He claimed he was to have accompanied Felipe Vidal-Santiago, executed by Castro recently, on a trip to Cuba which never came off.